

STRANGE STORIES FROM THE BEAT

» Kindergarten brings drugs for show and tell

When it was his turn to present for show and tell, a 5-year-old Connecticut boy was thrilled to show his classmates the special items he had brought to school. The kindergartner proudly waved around 50 packets of a powdery substance, determined by authorities to be heroin. The child's teacher notified school and police authorities, who arrived just in time to meet the boy's stepfather, who had come to retrieve his drugs. He was arrested instead.



» Dog saves his own life by dialing 999

George, a 2-year-old basset hound in the United Kingdom, became tangled in the cord of an old-fashioned telephone and managed to wrap it around his neck. While choking and gasping for air, the dog managed to dial 999 with his paw — the British equivalent of 911. The operator heard heavy breathing and dispatched police who were able to free George from the cord. His owner's response? "He's really dopey and just likes to chew on socks."



A mish teens' fun ruined by crash with cops

A group of underage Amish teens taking part in a night of revelry didn't quite make it to the "buggy party" with the fruits of their beer run.

Instead, the teens' buggy collided with a police cruiser on the way, flipping the buggy and spilling the booze everywhere.

The crash apparently was loud enough for partygoers to hear, because when the cops arrived there were buggies seen fleeing the scene.

Police also noted the horse hauling the bashed-up buggy fled the scene safely, too.

Woman attempts to pay court fine with counterfeits

A 26-year-old Texas woman was prepared to bail herself out of a traffic warrant and went to the county courthouse to pay up. She dug deep in her purse, pulled out a wad of bills and handed them over to the clerk. Unfortunately, the woman forgot to separate the real cash from the counterfeits she was carrying, and the clerk quickly saw her payment was bogus. The woman now faces two to 10 years in prison for passing counterfeit bills — and still has that warrant to deal with when she gets out.



Teen bites family dog during argument

During the course of an argument with her mother, a drunken teen bit her mom and then turned on the family's 80-pound English bulldog. The girl allegedly bit the dog at least three times before it returned the favor and bit her once in the left arm. A sergeant at the scene told reporters the dog was only defending himself and would not be charged.



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